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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK

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WEAT/0043TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/GB99/02203INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE
22 July 1999 (22.07.1999)PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
22 July 1998

TITLE OF INVENTION AN APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING THE CONNECTION OF TUBULARS USING A TOP DRIVE

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US BERND-GEORG PIETRAS and ROBERT PATRICK APPLETON

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. have not been made and will not be made.
8. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). (UNSIGNED)
10. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
- A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14. A substitute specification.
15. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. Other items or information:

PCT REQUEST
INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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17. The following fees are submitted:**BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)) :**

Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO \$970.00

International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO \$840.00

International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO \$760.00

International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$670.00

International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$96.00

ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =**CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY**

Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 20 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

\$ 840.00

CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total claims	24 - 20 =	4	X \$18.00	\$ 72.00
Independent claims	3 - 3 =	0	X \$78.00	\$ 0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$260.00	\$

TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =

\$

Reduction of 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. A Small Entity Statement must also be filed (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).

SUBTOTAL =

\$

Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 20 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).

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TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =

\$

Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property

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TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =

\$ 912.00

Amount to be:	\$
refunded	

\$ 912.00

a. A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.

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b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ 912.00 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Pietras et al. §
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 § Group Art Unit: Unknown
 Serial No.: Unassigned §
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 Filed: Herewith §
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 For: An Apparatus for Facilitating §
 The Connection of Tubulars Using §
 A Top Drive §

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 Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
 37 C.F.R. 1.10

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited on
 20 March 2000, with the United States Postal Service as
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 to: BOX PCT, Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
 Washington, D.C. 20231.

20 March 2000

W. Bruce Patterson

Date Signature

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Enclosed for filing are the following documents:

- 1) Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (Do/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371
- 2) Preliminary Amendment;
- 3) Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (Unsigned);
- 4) PCT Request; and
- 5) International Search Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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